

ABAC Meeting Presentation

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MBTA Forging Ahead Initiative

- Bus changes went into effect March 14
- Impacts on Arlington:
 - Bus:
 - Route 80 (Arlington Center to Lechmere Station) will not be suspended, but will experience weekday and Saturday schedule changes throughout the day
 - Route 67 (Turkey Hill to Alewife Station) will only provide weekday service between 6:00 AM and 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM
 - Route 77 (Arlington Heights to Harvard Station) will experience weekday, Saturday, and Sunday frequency decreases throughout the day.
 - Suspend Route 79
 - Combine Routes 62 & 76 and 78 & 84
 - 20% Reduced frequency on Red Line
 - Reduced hours on Commuter Rail, no weekend service
- Town news item:
<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/10891/16>

Bike Friendly Community Application

- League of American Bicyclists has a survey to gather public feedback about bicycling in Arlington
- Public Survey now open:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/App_BFC_Sp21
 - Survey open until March 31
 - 204 responses recorded as of March 12
 - See Town news item:
<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/10925/16>
- Awards to be announced in May 2021



Ride in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Photo by Leslie Bloom.



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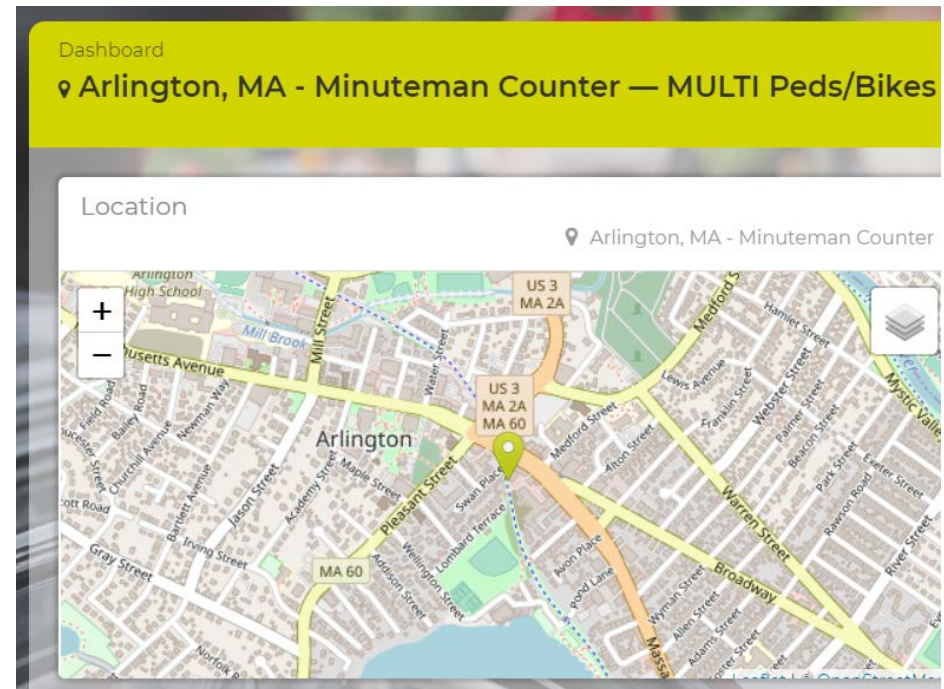
Bluebikes Update

- Redeployment expected to begin in a few weeks (on-street stations)
- Goal is to get stations on the ground before Boston redeployment
- Additional information at next meeting regarding new stations and off-street stations



Eco Counter Update

- Eco Counter on the Bikeway has been reporting zero counts for over a week
- Eco Counter company has determined it is a dead battery
- MassDOT has agreed to pay the cost of replacing the battery (they are also paying cellular costs for automatic data transmission)



Chestnut Street at Chestnut Terrace

- Public meeting to be held Tuesday, March 30 (likely at 7 pm, time TBD)
- TAC to present ideas for improving safety at crosswalk at Chestnut St and Chestnut Terrace
 - Pedestrian fatality on Dec. 31, 2019
- Gather input before making recommendations to the Select Board
- Ideas for long-term improvements to Chestnut Street include bike lanes from Mystic to Medford



Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Update

- First update to the MUTCD since 2009
- The standard by which many communities address transportation and traffic control issues
- From the APBP Webinar:
 - The MUTCD, while imperfect, is our legal standard for traffic control devices and controls a lot of what is possible
 - “Its consistent and faithful application is a key to creating a safer environment for our pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.
 - Federal and state funding can be jeopardized if in substantial non-compliance with MUTCD.
 - Litigation of non-compliance does occur.
- Comments on proposed changes due May 14

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MUTCD Changes

- AVs at the top of the hierarchy
- Speed limit changes don't go far enough
- Pedestrian signal warrants remain circular
- Prohibition on crosswalk art
- Bike signals
- Red transit lanes
- On-roadway public space



*Additions that would be good
if they didn't have new
restrictions/burdens*